

A new replacement owner, Jena Louise, has acquired Sandy's Dog Grooming Salon in Dunlo St., with the premises being rebranded as 'Bell's & Bristles'.

Sandra Mularska had operated her salon since September 2012 at Church Hill, and has since moved store to Dunlo Street. Due to personal circumstances, Sandra announced she would be closing shop, returning to her home country of Poland where she hopes to open a new practise and train beginners of the trade to her best ability.

The Canine Grooming specialist found it was difficult finding a suitable replacement, until meeting Jena Louise from Manchester. Following a period of "intense training" and researching the particular styles for each of her dog clients, Sandra stated she now feels comfortable handing the keys to the new owner.

"I can assure you that the salon will continue to provide services at the highest level, and that Jena and I focus not only on the perfect coatcuts, but also on making every dog feel comfortable and safe with us" Sandra emphasised.

Reflecting on a memorable moment working at the salon, Sandra remembers an encounter with a regular dog she assumed was called 'Spot'. Only upon transferring the client database onto Jena did she realize the dog's name was in fact Mallow. Over the years, the owner decided not to correct her as she found the title to be sweet, and fitting as the dog had a white spot on his lip.

Jena herself has been professionally dog

grooming over the past six years in the UK, and opened her first parlour in 2020 now overseen by her former colleagues. She always planned to move to Roscommon, the home county of her partner, and now resides locally with their two babies Theodore and Ellie.

She first encountered the opportunity upon a Training Day last year hosted by Sandra in Asian Fusion, a particular style used by both specialists. "I had an incredible time and highly recommend any groomer who has the opportunity to work with her to do so" encourages Jena.

The new salon will provide full/mini grooms, Bath and Blow dries, handstripping, breed trims, and puppy introduction grooms for all breeds. Jena states: "I enjoy creating cute, but practical styles for pet owners that accentuate their best features".

The job can come with its challenges, requiring extensive knowledge and experience in dog behaviour and handling, nutrition, anatomy, dental, pesticides and more. She finds some dogs need more time to overcome anxieties, and some require extra work when the fur is tangled.

Regardless, Jena is open to the task, welcoming clients Tuesday to Friday between 9:00 and 16:00 for appointments. Rates are entirely dependent on the individual dog and needs. To get in contact, you can message the salon at Bells & Bristles Ireland on Facebook or Instagram, or call them at (086) 665 4069.



Former owner Sandra Mularska with new owner Jena Louise.

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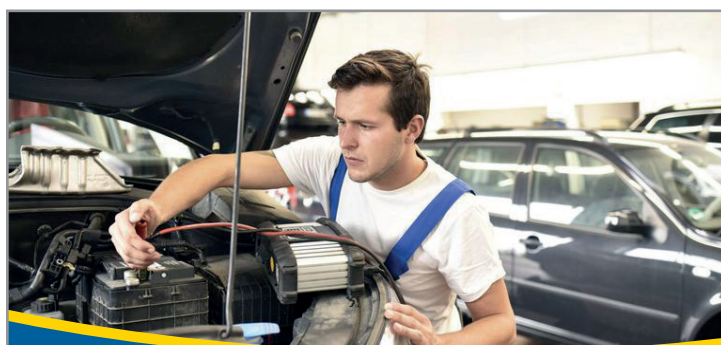
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